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**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2022-1011**

**TITLE:** Resolution Celebrating Pride Month 2022 and LGBTQ+ Students, Faculty, and Staff

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**WHEREAS**, on June 28, 1969, the Stonewall Uprising occurred, after the clientele of the Stonewall Inn stood firm against an unjust police raid that aimed to subjugate LGBTQ+ individuals [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, POC Trans-Femme trailblazers like Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera were instrumental in the organization and revolutionary surge of the Stonewall Riots, later creating Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (STAR) organization to serve LGBTQ+ sex workers and youth [6]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Stonewall Uprising galvanized LGBTQ+ political activism and led to the first gay pride parade taking place one year later in New York, called the Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade [3]; and,

**WHEREAS**, in June 1999 President Bill Clinton proclaimed the month of June as “Gay and Lesbian Pride Month,” and the title of this commemoration was formally changed to “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month” by President Barack Obama in 2009 [5][2]; and,

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month is a month-long observance that increases the visibility of the LGBTQ+ community, their history, achievements, and the progress that is yet to be made [1]; and,

**WHEREAS**, queer people have contributed to the “social, political, and cultural life of the U.S.” in a plethora of ways, from civil rights strategist Bayard Rustin to American composers Aaron Copland [8]; and,

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ Affairs at the University of Florida provides resources, support, and education for those who need it whilst serving as a community space [4]; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University of Florida Pride Student Union “strives to provide and maintain an open, safe, and inclusive atmosphere for LGBTQ+ students and allies at the University of Florida”, along with a wide plethora of queer student organizations found on GatorConnect [7]; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate acknowledges the significance of June to the LGBTQ+ community and celebrates Pride Month; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE FURTHER BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate greatly appreciates the numerous contributions that members of the LGBTQ+ community impart on this campus and on the broader Gainesville area, in work as individuals and in organizations; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes and supports the students, faculty, and staff who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community in their fight for equal rights and greater acceptance, furthermore condemning all forms of bigotry and violence against LGBTQ+ people.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President W. Kent Fuchs, Provost Joe Glover, Chief Diversity Officer Marsha McGriff, Vice President of Student Life Dr. D’Andra Mull, LGBTQ Affairs Graduate Assistant Tymber Powell, Center for Inclusion and Multicultural Engagement Director Patricia Jordan, Pride Student Union President Tayler King*

[1]<https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/national-international/what-is-pride-month-everything-to-know-about-the-lgbtq-observance/3701382/>

[2]<https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/presidential-proclamation-lgbt-pride-month>

[3]<https://www.history.com/topics/gay-rights/the-stonewall-riots>

[4]<https://lgbtq.multicultural.ufl.edu/>

[5]<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/proclamation-7203-gay-and-lesbian-pride-month-1999>

[6]<https://www.oprahdaily.com/life/a36319161/stonewall-riot-leaders/>

[7]<https://www.facebook.com/ufpsu/about>

[8]<https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/lgbtq-activism-and-contributions/>

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